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PEACE OR WAR?

SOVIETS ROUSE BRITAIN'S WRATH.

COMMONS OUTBURST.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, May 10.

There was a warm outburst in the House of Commons in connection with sending the "Harebell" in relief of the "Godecia" to the Russian coast to take up fishery protection duties as the outcome of the arrest of the trawler "Lord Astor."

Mr. Ronald McNeill, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said the "Lord Astor" was arrested fishing ten miles off the Murmansk Coast. The British agent at Moscow had been instructed to obtain the necessary confirmation of the news and then to demand the immediate and unconditional release of the vessel and the repatriation of the crew.

"MORE WAR!"

The "Harebell's" orders were to prevent interference with British vessels outside the three mile limit, using force if necessary. (Loud Ministerial cheers and Labour cries of "More war!") Mr. G. Lansbury (Labour), addressing the Ministerialists excitedly shouted: "Why don't you send the fleet to New York. You are a lot of cowards. You are afraid of America."

The Speaker intervened.

ELEVENTH HOUR HOPE.

In the House of Commons, in reply to an urgency question by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald voicing the grave concern of everybody and hoping it would be possible at the eleventh hour to maintain peace between Britain and Russia, Mr. Ronald McNeill, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, declared nothing connected with the "Harebell's" despatch would bear the sinister interpretation Mr. MacDonald feared.

SOVIETS CLIMB DOWN?

LONDON, May 10.

Reuter learns that the reply of the Soviet Government to the British note protesting against the seizure of the trawler "James Johnson" several weeks ago is moderate in tone.

The Soviet claims the right to fix a twelve-mile territorial limit irrespective of international law, but is prepared to submit the matter to arbitration, provided there is no question of the infringement of Russia's sovereignty and independence.

UNSEAWORTHY!

LETTERS FROM "OKARA'S" OFFICERS.

SERIOUS CHARGES.

LONDON, May 10.

Serious allegations are contained in a question asked in the House of Commons by the Labour member, Mr. Johnston, whether the Board of Trade was aware that letters written at the beginning of March by officers of the "Okara" had been received in Britain declaring the ship was unseaworthy.

Mr. Johnston asked whether some of the plates were only one eighth of an inch thick, whether the lifeboats at boat drill were filled with water.

Lt. Col. A. Buckley, Parliamentary Secretary of the Overseas Trade Department, undertook to investigate. He added that as far as could be ascertained the vessel had not been examined for many years as she had not sailed in home waters.

The Speaker informed Mr. Johnston that he must give notice of a question whether there was any authority in India for examining British vessels engaged in coastal traffic.

[Earlier cables reported that the British India s.s. "Okara" was a total wreck and all lives were presumed to have been lost. The steamer sent out S.O.S. signals during a very heavy cyclone between Calcutta and Rangoon.]

AMATEUR GOLF TOURNEY.

AMERICA'S ONLY SURVIVOR.

LONDON, May 10.

In the Deal golf tourney, Quimet was the only American survivor at the end of the fifth round. He knocked out Neville in the fourth round by two holes and then had a very narrow squeak against the Handsworth player Brétherton, winning at the eighteenth hole.

The Turaher player Hope defeated Roman in the fourth round 3-2, but Tolley beat Hope in the fifth by one hole. Wethered beat Willing in the fifth round 2-1.

LADIES' SEMI-FINAL SENSATION.

LONDON, May 10.

In the ladies' golf semi-final, Mrs. Macbeth, of Bowdon, sensationally defeated the holder, Miss Wethered 2-1, and Miss Chambers (Wirral) beat Miss Brown (Formby) 5-2.

FOOTBALL AND CRICKET

In a soccer match England beat France 2-1. Playing at Worcester, Yorkshire beat Worcester by an innings and 115 runs. The Yorkshire player O'Brien scored 124. Rhodes in the second innings.

ALMOST READY.

BRITAIN ANSWERING GERMANY'S OFFER.

ITALY'S SIMILAR REPLY.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, May 10.

Reuter learns that the final touches are being put to the British reply to the German reparations offer which will be separate from but, it is understood, will be on much the same lines as the Italian reply now in course of preparation.

The Allies, including the United States, will probably receive a copy of the British note, and London and Rome will exchange copies respectively before the same is delivered to Germany.

Replying to questions in the House of Commons, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said the Government did not propose to exchange views as regards the German offer with the United States which did not claim reparations. Having occupied the Ruhr, France and Belgium claimed that they alone were entitled to answer Germany's offer. When "satisfactory proposals" had been made the Allies could act jointly.

FRANCE'S HEAVY HAND.

LONDON, May 10.

A report from Mayence states that a court martial has sentenced twenty high German railway officials to imprisonment, for terms ranging from four to ten years on charges of espionage and inciting the railwaymen to resist the orders of the authorities.

WORKERS' DEFIANCE.

BERLIN, May 10.

The executive councils of the German trade unions have issued a manifesto declaring they are ready to collaborate in the payment of reparations to the limits of possibility, but the passive resistance of the workers in the Ruhr is a spontaneous movement, not suppressible even by the cruellest force. It will continue as long as the illegal situation in the Ruhr and Rhine districts lasts.

FRENCH "DESPOTISM."

"GREATEST BLOW AGAINST LEAGUE."

LONDON, May 10.

The Ruhr again monopolised the attention of the House of Commons on the occasion Sir John Simon (Labour) moving a resolution in the Foreign Office vote. He drew attention to a decree promulgated in the Saar Valley imposing heavy fines and imprisonment for criticising the Versailles treaty or the administration under the treaty, including the League of Nations.

Mr. Asquith challenged the legality of the decree, which had gone forth in the name of the League of Nations, "a more despotic piece of work than anything in the annals of Russia and the greatest blow ever struck against the League's authority."

Lord Robert Cecil demanded the withdrawal of "an action worthy of Prussian militarism." He regretfully expressed the opinion that joint Anglo-French action was impossible in view of the last French note.

GOVERNMENT'S PATTERNING.

Mr. Ronald McNeill, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replying, agreed that the decree itself had no defender in the House of Commons but doubted the wisdom of immediately bringing the decree before the League and uncompromisingly denouncing it. He thought the actual procedure of the French administration had been immensely exaggerated. He declined to make a broad statement regarding the Ruhr pending the despatch of our reply to the German note, but said the bedrock of our policy remained the maintenance of the Anglo-French alliance.

The motion was rejected by 238 votes to 143.

HOME SHIPBUILDING DISPUTE.

NATIONAL AGREEMENT REJECTED.

LONDON, May 10.

There is a prospect of the prolongation of the shipbuilding dispute, the boiler-makers' ballot having resulted in 4,475 votes for and 14,565 against acceptance of the national over-time night-shift agreement.

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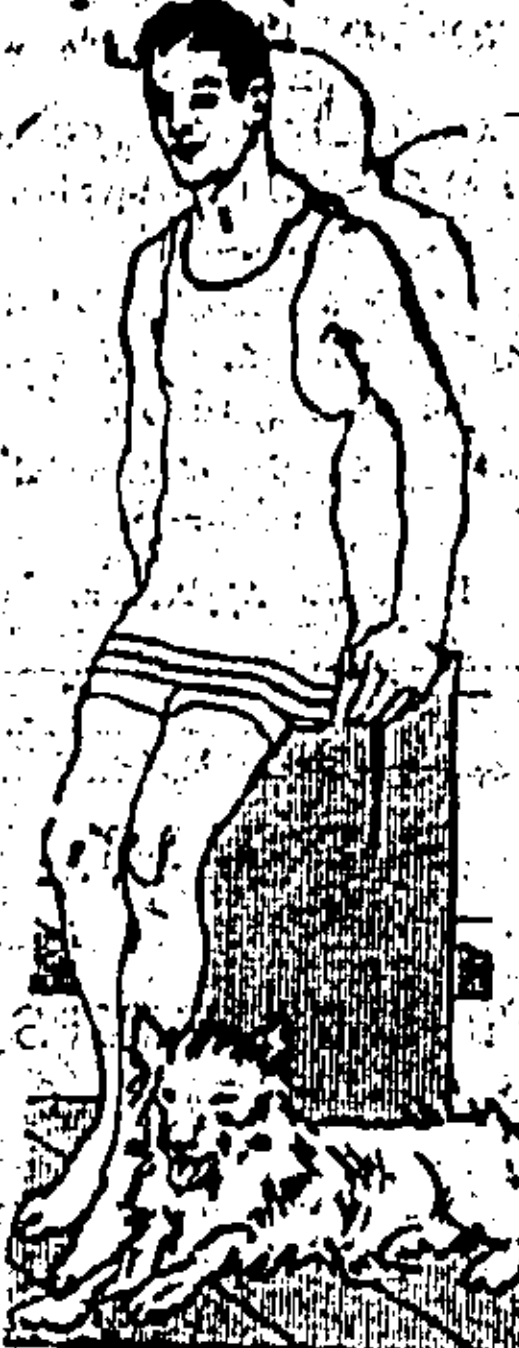
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Diamonds Of Death.

The famous Hope Diamond is now in the hands of a Hutton Garden dealer, and he is trying to find a purchaser, says a Home paper. It is understood that the sinister fame of the gem will not prevent a very eccentric Countess from becoming the next owner, and she says that she will defy Fate. "Another diamond of death and disaster that is again in the market is the celebrated 'Lake of Fire,' recently in the possession of the ex-King of Bulgaria.

Why Women Fail.

"If modern women are not good housekeepers it is because circumstances are too much for them. One cannot dictate what these circumstances are, but one may have a shrewd suspicion that they include the following:—the subjection of women which historians tell us became pronounced in the seventeenth century; the invention of machinery which, with all its advantages, took interesting occupations out of the home and turned potential servants inside to mill and factory; Victorian snobbery, which designated a lady as one who did nothing with her hands, and which stigmatised household tasks as menial; and, in addition, the competition between capital and labour. In other words, between mistress and maid."—Marguerite Fadden in "Home-making and New Vision." March Good Housekeeping.

Animals In Church.

Not very often do animals figure in stained-glass windows (observes the *Sunday at Home*), unless they be the sheep or the lamb, and once a faculty was refused for the erection of a stained-glass window in Carlisle Cathedral on the ground that one of the panels would cause ridicule, as it depicted a dog in the company of the two disciples of Emmaus. But the dogs would probably find a supporter in Lord Brownlow, in whose private chapel at Ashbridge are two stained windows, one of which represents a dog curled up asleep on a quilt, and the other a man, with a dog, laughing at Job. Among the miseries of Wells Cathedral can be seen a cat playing a fiddle, and a violin duet by two cats is a feature of the internal decorations of Hereford Cathedral.

Man Attacked By Weasels.

An English visitor has had an alarming experience in the Highlands, being savagely attacked by a dozen weasels. He was cycling from Elgin to Dallas, and the exciting incident occurred in a quiet and unfrequented part of the country. He had paused for a few minutes to light his pipe and admire the scenery, when he noticed a weasel disappearing itself at the roadside. Picking up a stone, he hurled it at the weasel, knocking it to the ground. The weasel uttered a peculiar squeak or twitter, and in a few moments ten or a dozen weasels made their appearance and attacked the cyclist viciously, endeavouring to bite his hands and legs and climbing to reach his face. After a sharp fight he beat off his attackers and, mounting his cycle, sped towards the village of Dallas. The weasels, he declares (according to the *Daily News*), followed him for fully two miles before giving up the chase.

Royal Gamblers.

Monte Carlo has been very full these last few days, says the *Glasgow Herald*, and some very well-known people have experienced various phases of luck. The King of Sweden was recently at the Sporting Club—that exclusive Temple of Chance—and had a very wonderful run of good fortune, resulting in a net win of several thousand francs. The Grand Duke Andrew of Russia also did very well. But the ex-King Manoel of Portugal, always an unlucky gambler, gave up play after a persistent series of losses. Another figure at the tables of the Casino is the ex-King Ferdinand of Bulgaria, who is still hoping that something will turn up in the Balkans to enable him to present his present ill-conditioned body to the world. A sensation has been caused at Monte Carlo by an audacious impersonation of the King of Spain—the make-up, etc., being so wonderful that it was confidently reported that Alfonso was

at the Casino, and crowds actually flocked in to see him. The impostor was later interrogated by the police and asked to leave the Casino. It is said that the mock "king" was doing the "stunt" for a wager.

Dressing The Wells.

One of the most interesting of Easter customs is the "well dressing" on Holy Thursday at Tissington, in Derbyshire, where is the ancestral home of Sir Hugo Fitz-Herbert (says the *Daily Chronicle*). Tissington is a village of wells, five in all—the "Hall Well," near the gates of Tissington Hall, the fine old Elizabethan mansion of the Fitz-Herberts; the "Coffin Well," named thus from its curious shape; the "Hands Well," from the family of that name owning the adjacent farm; the "Yew Tree Well," and the "Town Well." On Holy Thursday the wells are decorated with elaborate care and taste, but the Hall Well is the most beautifully "dressed," because of its situation under the hill on which the church stands. Gardens and woodlands are rifled of their flowers to adorn the wells, and moss and ferns are brought from the lovely dale of which the poet sings—
Still, Dovesdale, yield thy flowers
To deck the fountains
Of Tissington upon thy holy day.

Inventor Of Logarithms.

Logarithms were originally devised by John Burgi, a German watchmaker in the employment of Landgrave William IV. of Hesse, and not by the Scotsman, Lord Napier, as commonly believed according to statements made by Dr. Breithaupt, a prominent scientist. Dr. Breithaupt's assertions (according to a message from Cassel, in Germany, to the *New York American*) were made in the course of an address on the life of William IV., or "William the Wise," whom he described as one of the most renowned of royal astronomers. "The landgrave was the first astronomer to introduce time as an element capable of observation," Dr. Breithaupt declared. "A Neurenberg clock-maker, Jobst Burgi, (Justus Byrgius), and this Burgi, the landgrave's chief assistant, enlarged upon it in such a way that the landgrave could simultaneously observe the stars and listen to the clock's ticking of seconds in the celestial globe." It was thought for a long time that the landgrave already possessed a pendulum clock. "Then he took into his employment a watchmaker, Jobst Burgi (Justin Byrgius), and this man it was who, while in Cassel, originated logarithms. Heretofore it has been understood that the Scottish Lord Napier, a Neurenberg watchmaker, who used logarithmic tables in Edinburgh in 1614, was the inventor of logarithms, and that Burgi acquired the distinction at the same time, without knowing of Napier's work."

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For the fifth time, **Sergeant Leo King of Stess, N.J.**, has given blood for transfusion to patients at **Middlesex Hospital, North Street, W.** The institution pays gratuity of £3 for each operation.

"FED UP."
SOLDIER STOWS AWAY.
COURT MARTIAL FOR DESERTION.

A District Court-Martial sat in Murray Barracks this morning, for the trial of Pte. No. 3,759,409, Thomas Crowder of the 2nd Bn. The King's Regiment. The members of the Court were Major A. L. Cruickshank, D.S.O., R.G.A. (President), Capt. J. M. Collins, King's Regt., and Lieut. P. W. Sullivan, R.G.A. Lt. J. J. Burke, Gaffney, M.C., King's Regt., appeared to prosecute, and Lt. R. H. Jones, D.S.O., M.C., King's Regt., acted as prisoner's friend.

The first charge against the accused was one of desertion in that he on July 26, 1922, did absent himself until apprehended by the civil authorities on April 27, 1923. A second charge of losing his kit and equipment was preferred.

Accused pleaded not guilty to the first charge, but guilty to the second.

The first witness for the prosecution was Capt. A. W. Hannay, A.F.C., Adjutant of the 2nd Bn. King's Regt. who testified to the finding of the Court of Enquiry, held on July 27, 1922, to enquire into the absence of accused and to make an inventory of the missing equipment, valued at \$5, 10d.

Mr. Sgt. H. E. Langley, of the Hongkong Water Police, stated that at 4.30 p.m. on April 27 he boarded the s.s. "Kaga Maru" at Kowloon Wharf. After completing the duty that called him there, he was informed by the purser that there was a European deportee on board. He asked for the papers concerning the man. The purser handed over one sheet saying the accused (Crowder) was sent from the U.S.A. by the Immigration Authorities. "As the papers did not satisfy me I asked Crowder why he had been sent from the U.S.A." The accused replied that he had been unable to get work there. "I took him to the Water Police Station at Kowloon and explained the case to Inspector Spear. Later I was told to take accused to the Central Police Station to see if anything was known of him."

By the Prosecutor: "Accused was dressed in civilian clothes, when I took him over."

Sgt. H. Nash, of the King's, gave evidence of accused being handed over to him, on April 28, by the civil police as a deserter. The witness was in charge of the regimental quarter-guard at the time. Accused was dressed in plain clothes.

This closed the case for the prosecution.

THE DEFENCE.

"FED UP WITH ARMY LIFE."

Accused elected to give evidence on oath in his defence. He said: "In July 1922, I was fed up with army life in Hongkong. Not intending to leave for good, I went to the U.S.A. as a stowaway. Shortly after arrival at Seattle, I got work in a lumber camp 90 miles from the city, as a waiter. After working there about two months I returned to Seattle. A few days later I reported to the Chief of Police that I belonged to the King's Regt., stationed in Hongkong, and that I wished to be sent back. He detained me for three days and then asked me why I did not join the U.S. Army as he could not send me back. After leaving the police station, I went to Portland. I had been there about a month, when I was arrested as a vagrant. I was found not guilty by the magistrate and handed over to the Immigration Authorities (on December 13) and explained to them where I came from. They asked me whether I wished to work my passage to England. I applied to be sent to Hongkong. The Immigration officials got me sent back to Hongkong. I have no papers to verify this, but they can be obtained from the American Immigration Authorities at Portland.

The Prisoner's Friend asked for an adjournment of the Court if it was thought necessary to obtain papers confirming prisoner's story.

The Prosecutor submitted that the papers could not affect the case in any way, but if necessary, he could supply the Prisoner's Friend with papers in a way substantiating prisoner's statement, but on the whole "damning his case." They did not affect the prisoner's state of mind on the day he had decided to desert, which was all that concerned the Court.

The Prosecutor added that accused had not returned voluntarily and offered to produce documents to prove this.

The Court decided that no adjournment should be granted.

The Prosecutor, in an address to the Court, drew the attention to the evidence of the accused, which, he said, clearly proved that he had been absent from his battalion for 9 months without leave. He had said that he had no intention of not returning. It was a matter for the Court to decide whether the accused intended to return to his regiment after he had seen the sights in the U.S.A. He had been arrested on an incoming boat from the U.S.A., whence he had been reported as a vagrant.

LASTING NAME.
COUNCIL'S FINE TRIBUTES TO MR. PERKINS.

Tributes were paid at the close of yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council to the amount of work done for the Colony by the Hon. Mr. T. L. Perkins, who leaves for Home next week on retirement after 20 years' service.

H.E. The Governor said: Before we close this meeting, it is necessary to refer to one other event. I regret to say that this is the last time the Hon. Director of Public Works will attend our meeting. Mr. Perkins has served in this Colony for approximately 20 years. He was appointed originally, I think in 1904, as executive engineer and very quickly established a reputation which he has preserved and added to consistently throughout that period. It is well known to all of us that for years past Mr. Perkins has been the backbone of the Department and it was a great pleasure to me to secure his appointment to succeed Mr. Chatham. I deeply regret that his tenure of office has been so short, but I have been unable to persuade Mr. Perkins to extend it, and I have not been able to press him to do so because I am well aware that the reason for his retirement is owing to ill-health brought about by the great amount of work he has done during several years past. The work Mr. Perkins has done for the Colony is very visible and his name will be associated with many great and important works, but I think what will remain most in my mind with regard to Mr. Perkins' work is the imperturbability and good humour with which he has always met every suggestion and proposal and the amazing readiness with which he has always undertaken duties which should not necessarily devolve upon him. I think the several years past has been doing far more detailed work of the Department than we had any right to expect of him. I part with Mr. Perkins with the greatest regret which I feel sure, will be shared by every member of this Council and everyone who has been brought into contact with him. I am sure you will join with me in wishing him a speedy restoration to health and long enjoyment of the retirement which he has earned by many years of devoted public service.

Speaking on behalf of the unofficial members, the Hon. Mr. Pollock said that they associated themselves entirely with the terms with which His Excellency had referred to the distinguished service and hard work on behalf of the Colony by the Director of Public Works.

The Hon. Mr. Perkins, replying said:—Your Excellency, hon. members of the Legislative Council, I desire to thank you, Sir, and the members of the Council for associating themselves with the very graceful words you have spoken about the services I have been able to render this Colony. I can assure you, Sir, that I appreciate the great kindness and consideration I have received from you and every member of this Council without exception. I have had a pretty strenuous career all my life, and the work the last year or two has been tremendously heavy. The war put things back and the work has been exceptional, but I wish to place on record, Sir, that whenever I have approached you or any member of this Council, with any request for assistance or help of any kind it has always been given to me to the fullest extent. Circumstances have sometimes precluded the possibility of help being given to the full measure: for one thing, we have not had the buildings to accommodate the necessary staff, but as far as possible you have always given the assistance for which I have applied. In leaving the Colony I withdraw from what has been the greatest interest of my life. I have spent here the years which are fullest in a man's life, and they have been particularly full with me. I have seen the Colony grow into what I have come to feel is one of the finest cities in the Far East, and I have been particularly happy in the work here and the cordial co-operation of the Council. From all I have had nothing but cordial assistance; criticism seems to have been forgotten. I can only thank you again, Sir, and all the members for the kind things said about me. (Applause.)

He asked the Court to set the facts, outlined by the prosecution, against the statement of accused. If the Court was satisfied that accused had a bona fide intention to return, he could only be found guilty of being absent without leave and not of desertion, concluded the prosecutor.

The finding of the Court will be promulgated in due course.

A CASE POSTPONED.

Private Gardner, of the King's Regt. was to have been brought before the Court to stand his trial for insubordination and threatening to strike a superior officer. Owing to one of the witnesses for the prosecution being in hospital, the case was adjourned sine die.

ARMS TRAFFIC.
HONGKONG ORDINANCE MADE STRONGER.

"UNFORTUNATE PREVALENCE OF CRIME."

Declaring that an emergency existed in view of the dangerous prevalence of arms offences, H. E. the Governor gave permission at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council for the Bill amending the Arms and Ammunition Ordinance, 1900, to be carried through all stages.

Moving the first reading, the Attorney General said: The principal Ordinance was amended in 1919 in order to provide more severe penalties for possession of arms and ammunition. The amending Ordinance gave power to two Magistrates sitting together to impose up to \$2,000 fine and two years' imprisonment. It also enabled arms cases to be committed for trial and gave the Supreme Court power to impose imprisonment up to seven years. The object of this Bill is to make a number of amendments in the principal Ordinance to carry out the intention of the amending Ordinance of 1919. There is only one amendment of any substance: it relates to Section 8 of the principal Ordinance. That Section provides that if any arms or ammunition are found on board any launch, motorboat, junk, or sampan, and the person in charge, or appearing to be in charge, has not produced a valid authority under the Arms Ordinance, then all persons on board and the person in charge are deemed to be in possession of the arms and to be liable to the punishment provided by the Ordinance. There is a provision that no person shall be liable under that Section if he proves to the satisfaction of the Magistrate (that is why the amendment is now required in the Section) that he is not the person in charge, but is on board as a passenger or member of the crew and is not aware of the presence of the arms or ammunition on board. It has recently been held that that presumption does not apply to trials at the Criminal Sessions, because of the reference in the Section to the Magistrate, and the principal amendment to be made by this Bill is to apply that presumption to trials before the Supreme Court as well as to trials before the Magistrate. The other amendments proposed by this Bill are merely consequential or minor amendments rendered necessary to carry fully the policy of the amending Ordinance of 1919. I beg to move the first reading.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the first reading was agreed to.

The Attorney General said: I beg to move the suspension of Standing Orders to allow this Bill to be carried through all its stages at this meeting. I submit that this course is justified by the seriousness and the unfortunate prevalence of the crime to which the Ordinance relates, and it seems desirable that this presumption should be made applicable to all trials—not only to trials in the Magistrate's Court—as an early date as possible.

H. E. the Governor: Under Standing Order 48 it is necessary that I should declare that an emergency exists and the grounds therefor. I am of opinion that the emergency exists and my grounds of opinion are that offences against the Arms and Ammunition Ordinance are very dangerously prevalent at the present time so that it is essential in the public interest that the law courts should have the utmost possible powers to deal with such offences and that no time should be lost in giving them these powers. I accordingly authorise the introduction of the motion.

The Colonial Secretary having seconded the motion, the Bill was passed without amendment.

OPEN TO ALL.
WAR MEMORIAL NURSING HOME.

A vote of \$200,000 as the Government's contribution toward the cost of establishing the War Memorial Nursing Home was approved by the Legislative Council Finance Committee yesterday.

The Colonial Secretary, who presided, said:—The Government approved the grant of an area of 13 acres and the Government are giving a sum not exceeding \$200,000 on the understanding that an equal sum is contributed by subscribers. As you are aware the sum contributed will be much more than that.

The Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall: Will this Nursing Home be open to all residents irrespective of race?

The Chairman: Yes, that is the intention. It will be run on the lines of the Peak Hospital. The poorer classes, as at present, will be taken in at the Government Civil Hospital. The Nursing Home will be open to all who care to pay the fees.

VOLUNTEER SCHEME.
MINIATURE RIFLE RANGE.

The miniature rifle range which is being built at Volunteer Headquarters, will probably be ready for use some time early in June. It is built beneath the level of a portion of the parade ground and will be fitted up with moving as well as standing targets.

When inquiries were made at Volunteer Headquarters as to whether the range would be thrown open to outsiders, wishing to indulge in revolver practice, the view was expressed that this was scarcely likely since unskilled hands with a revolver would be liable to inflict too much damage to the walls of the building.

HONGKONG'S CHANCE.

"FOUR HORSEMEN" AT CORONET.

For the rest of the week "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse," which has been screened with such pronounced success at the Star Theatre in Kowloon, is to be shown at the Coronet. Hongkong cinema goers will welcome this opportunity of seeing one of the most talked of films produced in recent years. The novel by Vicente Blasco Ibañez upon which the picture is based deals with the life story of an ardent young Franco-Argentine, whose chief interest is in women and wine and whose spiritual salvation comes with the war.

"Virtuous Wives," with pretty Anita Stewart in the chief role, which Coronet audiences have been enjoying during the past few days, will go across to the Star for two days and on Sunday, by universal request, "The Three Musketeers" will be shown at Kowloon.

LEAGUE TENNIS.

H.K.C.C. vs. U.S.R.C.

In the "A" division of the Tennis League, the H.K.C.C. visited the U.S.R.C. on Wednesday and won by 59 games to 40. Scores:—

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DRAWN TO MARRIAGE.

TABLE WHICH ABHORRS WITCHCRAFT.

Interesting particulars of a little-known African tribe are given by Mr. J. H. Driberg, of the Uganda Civil Service, in "The Lango" (Lango Weekly, 6th), for which Sir R. G. Cole, Governor of the Uganda Protectorate, has written a foreword.

In addition to a history of the tribe and a description of its mode of life in all circumstances, a full grammar and vocabulary are included in Mr. Driberg's book. "Lango" he observes, "could never have been the light but for generous financial assistance from the Uganda Government and from the funds of the Lango Lukiko, or Council of Chiefs."

Although the Lango border on the Victoria Nile, the habits characteristic of other Nilotic tribes, of standing on one leg with the foot of the other resting on the inner side of the knee, is rarely observed among the Lango. The ceremony of driving away disease takes place every June. Hides are beaten in every house and torches are waved into all the nooks and crannies. Disease having been thus dislodged, the whole village escorts it, raising the cry of victory and beating the hides, till it is driven into a river or swamp, from which it cannot return.

FETCHING THE BRIDE.

For the elaborate hair-dressing in vogue, which "entailed a fee of one pot of beer and one chicken to the barber," white heads are carefully fastened on the hair so that the head appears as if covered with a white skull-cap.

They are fond of dancing to the music of drum or flute bands. The boys, besides their sham fights, play a "kind of hockey." The Lango girl plays with her doll.

It is no elaborate affair but simply a long sweet potato and is washed, fed, scolded, and slung on the back just like a human baby.

When a marriage has been arranged the lover directs his friends to the bride's house and "tells them to take the girl."

They accordingly go and ask her to accompany them; but she raises the alarm and abuses them in foul language, and unseemly insults until they finally seize her, struggling, biting, kicking, and screaming. She is often badly scratched and bruised, as she resists until they have forcibly thrust her into her lover's hut.

All this is, merely a survival of the practice of marriage by capture and "in no way indicates reluctance on the girl's part."

After a death, close relations especially wives of the deceased, generally attempt to commit suicide, and have to be restrained by the villagers.

It is regrettable to have it recorded of an otherwise intelligent people that "no woman may possess property except her ornaments and tail," a sticklike leather continuation of the girdle.

Women are subject to strange fetters. By custom of one clan they are "forbidden the flesh and skin of leopards; if a woman sleeps on a leopard-skin she will become sterile. The fig-tree is forbidden to women."

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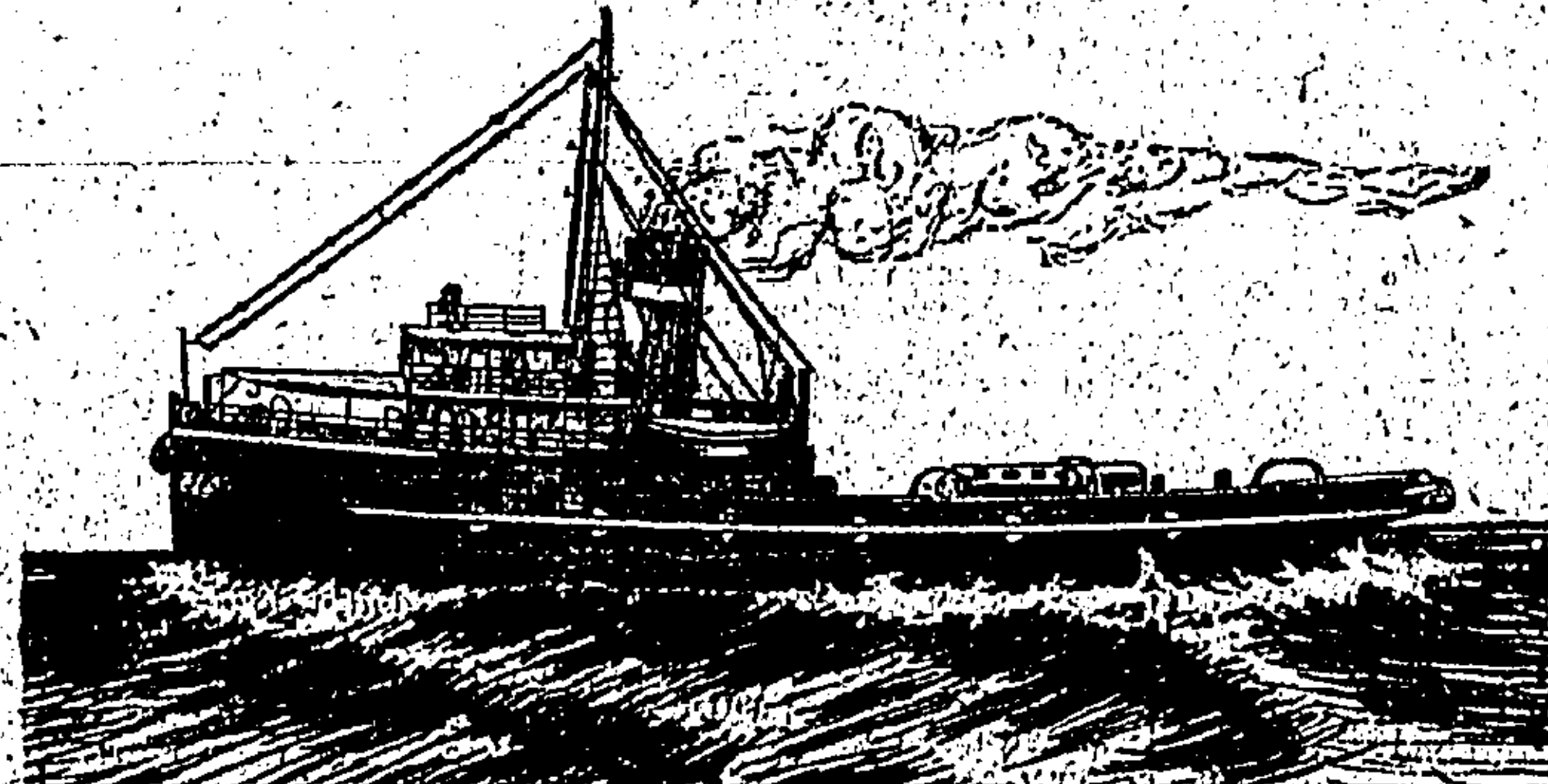
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THE MALAYAN PEOPLE.

WHAT THEY ARE LIKE.

"Mislike me not for my complexion, The shadowed livery of the burnished sun."

The Malays are coffee-coloured, with abundant black hair, brown eyes, nose rather flat and wide, square chin, good teeth. They are of medium stature, and wear a Sarong—a long cloth, usually with check pattern—below the waist, and are either naked above or wear a cotton jacket. The velvet on their cloth cap on the head shows they are Mohammedans. The feet are bare, and they practise circumcision. They are by no means obsequious and like to be treated by the British as equals. Some of the younger men are inclined to swagger, but are polite enough when treated with civility. Young children wear no clothing, are hardly ever chastised, and eat and sleep when they please. The boys have to learn the Koran; it is unnecessary in the case of girls, as is any kind of book-learning. The Malays' only sports appear to be cock fighting and gambling. Since the 13th century they have been Mohammedans, but not very strict. Every man carries a Kris, i.e., a large vicious-looking knife, which he uses for a variety of purposes—sometimes on the man who offends him—but he does not like it to be handled by a stranger. He thinks a white man's dress, and some of his customs, such as dancing, very indelicate. His own women are supposed to hold no conversation with men before marriage and are pretty strictly guarded afterwards. They marry at from seventeen to twenty. After puberty, the Malay girl must cover her face if she leaves the house, and must go out very little. Most Malays live on the land, either as owners or cultivators, but many are employed as motor car drivers, clerks, police, or hard work they will not do. Practically all the manual labour of the country is done by Chinese or Indians—mostly by the former, who form 60 per cent of the population, and who furnish 74 per cent of the revenue. They are miners, market gardeners, artisans, shopkeepers, contractors, financiers. The Malay on the other hand can live with very little labour and prefer to sit and watch others work. I sometimes feel a little wise some of my readers to learn that there are few tropical countries in which the work is not being done by imported labour. If you try to get the work done by a native he simply reduces his output of labour, for his needs are few and easily met. He plants a little rice and a few fruit trees, does a little fishing—and what more does he need? Up to the point where he wished to gratify some acquired taste in food or clothing, the native of the tropics finds himself furnished by Nature with all he needs at a very small expenditure of energy—and this usually his wife's!

THE MALAY HOME.

A Malay house is similar to that of the Philippines and of Burma. It is built of bamboo with roughly-made supports, and entrance is gained by means of a short ladder. The roof is thatched with the leaves of the Nipa Palm, species of Plain grown solely for this purpose. This roof lasts for four or five years. There is a rough floor where washing and cooking are done, with apertures between the boards or canes through which the water drops to the ground beneath. In a poor man's house there is a cooking and dining room containing a few cooking utensils, but hardly any other furniture, and a bedroom, the latter having a door, according to Mohammedan ideas of female seclusion. The Malays are not a city people, their civilisation being adapted to a country rather than a city life. The Kampong, or village, is their unit of society, and contains from 200 to 100 inhabitants, and in each Kampong there is a Pengulu or headman, whose office is hereditary and who is the political and social head of the community, a sort of perpetual mayor. There is the Imam, who conducts religious ceremonies and teaches the Koran. In some places, in

"POODLEFAKING."

STRAITS PAPER'S INTERESTING COMMENT.

We thank the *China Mail* for this headline, says the *Straits Echo*, to comment upon the unpatriotic conduct of young men who shirk their duty to the State, by failing to volunteer for the trifling service that they are asked to render for the common weal; for, after all, there is no hardship in learning to handle a gun and shoot straight, and the little marching and drilling that are involved in the training are excellent for keeping them fit. What made England great, in the middle ages, was the fact that her young men and youths turned what little compulsory practice they had to serve at the butts into a sport, and competed in archery with the greatest enthusiasm. The results were seen at Greyc, Poitiers and Agincourt. On Saturdays and Sundays, the village greens were alive with happy young people of both sexes; for, in those days, the girls turned out to encourage the competitors. Atchery competitions were held, prizes awarded and, it may be added, a good deal of small beer was discussed. Foreigners, who witnessed these joyous scenes, were loud in praise of "Merrie England." That rifle shooting can be made equally attractive is seen on the South African veld, particularly in the Karoo where the Dutch farmers, their wives, sons and daughters, meet every Sunday at different rendezvous, and shoot for prizes, oxen, pigs, goats, etc., and ankors of brandy. The women and girls, who also shoot, travel to the meet with copious supplies of provender, by ox waggon, the men on horseback. The shooting is taken very seriously, but is accompanied by feasting, and junketing, and is usually followed by an impromptu dance, at the nearest farmhouse. The rifle most in favour before the war, was the Mauser; but Englishmen were allowed to compete with the Lee-Enfield. The Cape Dutch originally became such wonderful shots, of sheer necessity, when they depended upon game for their daily food. The result of their making a pastime of it was their magnificent resistance to the British, in the South African war. It must be admitted that the social conditions of Malaya are not precisely those of England in days of old, nor those of the veld to-day; but we could certainly make our shooting more attractive. It is up to the young men to do it. By making a pastime of a duty the unworthy poodlefaking will then become a noble patriot without knowing it!

Malacca, every boy is required to go to school, and there is a Malay college where teachers are trained. Being Mohammedans, the Malay men are privileged (?) to have four wives, but most of them—like some Australians—find it sufficiently difficult to support and manage one.

MALAYAN SUPERSTITIONS.

Like all primitive people, the Malays are superstitious. They believe in witchcraft: make wax figures to represent an enemy and then stick pins into it in the belief that their enemy will get sick in that part of the body. A Kapal Hantu, or Boat of Spirits, about 5 feet long and fully rigged, is built and launched with great ceremony and believed to carry away all sickness from the village. They also have great faith in charms. Sir Frank Swettenham says that during a cholera epidemic he found there had been a good many deaths, but remarked the absence of the usual panic. On inquiry he found that a Medicine Man had appeared and sold a cholera specific at a dollar. Sir Frank asked to see it. All held out their hands and showed a small piece of string tied round the wrist. "Is that all?" "Yes, that is all." "Where is the Medicine Man?" "He has left the district." "How many people bought the specific?" "About 500." "Well, the man has robbed you." "Why?" "Because the thing he sold you is useless—only a bit of string." "We told him so, but he promised that if anyone who bought a charm was attacked by cholera and died he would refund the dollar!" "P. Stubbs in *Rangoon Gazette*."

LOCAL Y.M.C.A.

HOW THE KOWLOON SCHEME IS PROGRESSING.

The progress made in connection with the scheme for establishing an up-to-date Y.M.C.A. at Kowloon, was outlined at yesterday's meeting of Legislative Council by the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock K.C., in moving the first reading of a Bill providing for the incorporation of Y.M.C.A. directors.

The Hon. Mr. Pollock said: This Bill, Sir, follows the ordinary lines for incorporation of similar institutions, and I think it requires no explanation on my part beyond that which is contained in the Objects and Reasons attached to the Bill which have been circulated to hon. members. It may however, perhaps, interest the public to learn that a site has been granted by the Government for the erection of a building properly equipped and up-to-date for this Association at Kowloon in the vicinity of the Star Ferry Wharf. I may also add that plans have been prepared by the architects and sent in to the Government, and we have every hope that those plans will very shortly be passed and that it will be possible in a few weeks' time to commence work on the foundation of this building. Mr. J. L. McPherson, who is Secretary of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., who has been of very great assistance to the Directors of this Association, is now at Home on leave and he is going to be good enough to inform the authorities at Home of the kind of Secretary who will be required for the work of the Y.M.C.A. in this Colony. In connection with this measure, Sir, the usual advertisements have been inserted in the *Government Gazette* and the local press to accord with the Royal instructions and also with the standing rules of this Council. I will now call upon my hon. friend, the representative of the Chamber of Commerce, to second the motion for the first reading of this Bill.

The Hon. Mr. Holyoak seconded, and the first reading was agreed to.

COLONY'S LUNATICS.

NEW ASYLUM AT LAICHKOK.

Amongst the votes recommended by H.E. the Governor and considered at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council Finance Committee, was one for a sum of \$3,200 in aid of the vote Charitable Service, Transport and Subsistence of Lunatics.

The Colonial Secretary, who presided explained: This vote was only \$500 and there is a man named Pereira, of Portuguese race, who proved birth in Hongkong. He is now in Shanghai, where they have no asylum. After some correspondence we agreed to receive him here and pay the charges.

The Hon. Mr. Pollock: How many inmates are there in the Asylum just now?

The Chairman: I am afraid I cannot answer that without notice. There are very few Europeans—two or three. The Chinese are collected and from time to time sent to Dr. John Kerr's Hospital at Canton.

The Hon. Mr. Pollock: I take it the Government is still maintaining its policy of repatriating European inmates?

The Chairman: Certainly, I may say we have selected a site for a new Asylum, probably near Laichikok. It is the intention to move to the New Territories as soon as possible.

The Hon. Mr. Pollock: In connection with the new asylum, I would like to express the hope that a certain amount of ground will be provided for exercising purposes.

The Chairman: Yes; and for growing vegetables. We are told that is an industry on which the inmates may be advantageously employed.

The Hon. Mr. Holyoak: Is it really intended to have a considerable area of ground around the building?

The Chairman: Yes. The situation earmarked is immediately above the oil tanks at Laichikok.

WELCOME RETURN.

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The Courtneidge-Holloway Company who were here a little while ago, will be returning here next week and will play a short season of five nights only; commencing Tuesday May 15. Since they were here they have been very successful in the North and are now playing their return visit in Shanghai.

Their repertoire here will be as follows:—Tuesday (May 15). "Four Walls Told."

Wednesday:—"Bulldog Drummond."

Thursday:—"Ambrose Applejohn's Adventure."

Friday:—"The Man From Toronto."

Saturday:—"The Bat." This will be their last appearance here as they are on their way Home. Booking at Moult's opens to-morrow.

WHITE ELEPHANTS.

TALES OF A WANDERER IN BANGKOK.

Siam ought to call itself Elephantia, writes Bassett Digby, F.R.G.S., in the *Manchester Guardian*. Elephants there are not merely the troublesome carcasses attached to promptly salable tusks coveted by manufacturers of piano keys, or the hapless prey of the wealthy jilted, as they are in "British East" for instance. They are in the very air. Little models of them top every temple and public building. Set in a field of red hunting, white elephants flutter, on the national flag, from every mast.

"Who are those fellows?" I asked my friend the merchant, one day, as we passed a group of Siamese in blue uniform.

"R.E.D.s," he answered. "What, Bolsheviks in an Eastern autocracy like this?" I exclaimed. "It can't be particularly healthy for them."

"Guess again," he said "R.E.D.s" not "Reds." Officials of the Royal Elephant Department. No, I'm not rotting. It is a fact. It is more important than the War Office or the Admiralty or the F. O. They'll never be any wars, you see, but elephants, plain and coloured, will always be with us. It's just the thing to get your impetuous sister's son into. Every elephant in the land, wild or tame belong to the King, you see—to the King himself not the mere tax-payer."

"Not the whites, surely," I murmured. "I thought the whole point about white elephants was that you had to keep 'em, eating enormous quantities of hay and oats and things, without benefiting in the least. That's why at home, one calls a gift that is merely an incubus a white elephant."

"I see," the merchant remarked wearily, "that we've got to educate you."

Well, I was told some things about white elephants. These, as became a wide-eyed, open-cared, but innately suspicious wanderer, astonished at nothing but trusting no man, I carefully verified. And I found out more strange things on my own account.

Far from white elephants being an incubus, they are the most sought-after royal asset between Rangoon and Saigon. Wars have been waged, treasure squandered, and lives tossed away like chaff to gain neighbouring countries' white elephants.

They are sacred, and always have been. They were highly venerated in the dim and distant Brahman days, before the dawn of Buddhism. Burmese kings used to be just as keen on them as the monarchs of Siam. In Siam to-day they are held to be reincarnations of Ganesha and other legendary ancestor of the King.

There is a Royal White Elephant Stable—no, stable is too crude a word—adjoining the Palace at Bangkok, where there are usually four or five in residence.

A white elephant is not a separate species. He is merely an albino of the ordinary Asiatic elephant. Sometimes he is inclined to be blotchy. In the best type he is the colour of a pale grey suede glove; his toe-nails are creamy white, and at the tip of his trunk and around his ears he is pinky white.

Although white elephants, even in Siam, are very rare and the property of the king, the king "speeds us," the supply by exempting the captor from taxation and from liability to capital punishment, confers a title on him, and gives him as much silver money in a pile, as he can push along a smooth surface with his little finger. A wily Chinese, who corralled one in, practised assiduously at shoving iron weights for a few weeks before reporting the capture. When he had got both little fingers into perfect training, he came in with his elephant to claim the reward and astounded the treasury with the great mass of silver which he successfully shifted—and acquired.

A White Elephant's Fly Switch is among the royal regalia of Siam, along with the crown, sceptre, and so forth. (Another item, unique among royal regalia of the world, is the Golden Spittoon of the Lotus Flower, which is employed as the goal of expectorated spittle during the long and often tedious State ceremonies.)

Great are the festivities on the arrival of a young white elephant! All Bangkok makes holiday and floods out, with the King, to see it ferried across the river in its state barge, over which is built a canopied temple. On landing it is offered water by high priests. Then, escorted by cavalry and gyrating dancing boys, clad in red, the poor scared baby elephant in his coat of silver cloth goes trotting up the road to the Palace.

"O Most Royal Elephant," chants a priest, before the King and assembled notabilities, "we pray thee not to think too much of thy father, thy mother, thy relatives, and thy friends. We beseech thee not to regret that thou hast left thy native mountains and thy forests, for therein dwell evil spirits which are most perilous, and there are fierce beasts which howl terribly, and there is also the great bird that flies higher and thither, carrying off

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

Engles (Yee Tai Hong) from Wei Hai Wei.—C21.
Kueichow (B. & S.) from Tientsin, Swatow.—C34.
Torilla (B. I. S. N.) from Kobe, Amoy.—Kowloon Wharf.
Telemachus (Wo Fat Sing) from Saigon.—B31.
Kweilin (B. & S.) from Canton.
Sinkiang (B. & S.) from Shanghai, Swatow.—A29.
Liangchow (B. & S.) from Shanghai, Amoy.—B12.
Werra (Dollar Co.) from Shanghai.—Holt's Wharf.
Huiyang (Fok Tai Cheong) from Canton.—C18.
Osaka Maru (N.Y.K.) from Rangoon.—Kowloon Wharf.
Reims (Tai Woo) from Pakhoi, Hoihow.—C16.
Amherst (On Fat) from Hoihow.—C17.
Yangtszkiang (Cheong Fat) from Hoihow.—C20.
Mogami Maru (M.B.K.) from Canton.—Wanchai.
Sun Li (Po On) from Kwong Chow-wan, Macao.—Co's Wharf.
Taishun (C.M.S.N.) from Canton.—Co's Wharf.
Lieut. St. Bie (M. M. Cie) from Shanghai.—A29.

DEPARTURES.

Sinkiang (B. & S.) for Canton.—May 11.
Liangchow (B. & S.) for Canton.—May 11.
Surdinia (P. & O.) for Yokohama, Shanghai.—May 11.
Osaka Maru (N.Y.K.) for Yokohama, Kobe.—May 11.
Puenphen (Wo Fat Sing) for Saigon.—May 11.
Dushtestan (Fok Tai Cheong) for Saigon.—May 11.
Chung Hing (Hong On) for Canton.—May 11.
Chip Shing (J. M. & Co.) for Tientsin.—May 11.
Nishiyama Maru (Sato & Co.) for Hongkong.—May 11.
Lieut. St. Bie (M. M. Cie) for Saigon.—May 11.
Amherst (On Fat) for Hoihow.—May 15.
Taishun (Yan Fat) for Fort Bayard.—May 12.

elephants on which to feed its young. There, too, are bands of hunters who kill elephants for their ivory.

Brave and Noble Elephant, we beseech thee to banish from thy soul every desire to abide in the forest. Look on this delightful place, this celestial city abounding in riches and in all that thy heart could wish. Be thou consecrated as thou hast come to admire this beautiful city; to enjoy its wealth, and to be the honoured guest of his Most Exalted Majesty the King! Thus runs a part of the invocation of the pious albino babe. The third evening the King confers a title on him.

High priests doctor them, hold religious services for them—and cremate their massive remains when their souls go marching on to the celestial jungles. Countrymen come hundreds of miles, on pilgrimages, to prostrate themselves before them.

Fifty years ago Ministers even used to consult them on State problems, until one slippery customer, advised by the Sir William Sutherland of the period, excused so many Cabinet blunders by declaring that "anyway, that was the course recommended by the White Elephants when I laid the matter before them," that the King forbade them to be used as secular scapegoats.

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The unhappy Empress Frederick must have realised the position when she wrote to her nephew Edward, then Prince of Wales, "My grandson Willy," her letter runs, "is being taught everything that makes for pomp and war, and with the idea that he is far above ordinary mortals. How forcibly I am reminded of the sweet simplicity of our own home life!"

No better example of this sweet simplicity could be found than the nursery, now empty, at Buckingham Palace. No longer does the room resound with the merry chatter of children's voices: the children are now grown-ups, one of them a mother. But here are stored all the precious relics of childhood, many of them gifts from foreign royalties: dolls, woolly bears, rocking horses, toy soldiers, railway trains, in fact, all the battered treasures of a happy English home.

NURSERY STORIES.

All nurseries have their funny side. The Royal one has been no exception. Even our own Prince of Wales has been sent to bed in disgrace by an irate parent! The occasion was a violent argument with the Duke of York as to whether the Prince should be obeyed in everything, because he was one day going to be a king. Natural opposition to this view resulted in blows, with the aforesaid consequences!

On a previous occasion, King Edward, then a youngster, was rebuked for his table manners. When told he was behaving like a dog and had better go under the table, he promptly did so, but to everyone's consternation, he was later found to have removed all his clothes. When remonstrated with he calmly replied, "But, mamma, little doggies do not wear clothes, do they?"

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YOUNG MAN'S ADVICE.

MOVIE-LAND CROWDED.

After wandering about America for nine years seeking his ever-elusive fortune, a young Sydney man has returned convinced that there's no place like home.

At the age of 15 he obtained a post on a French sailing vessel leaving Sydney for America. He had been employed at a well-known Auburn (N.S.W.) coach-building works, and had obtained as light knowledge of machinery there.

His first position in U.S.A. was at a railway coach-building yard. He tried unsuccessfully for some time to enter the moving picture world. "There are hundreds applying at studios for work," he said, "and my chance: being a foreigner, was very small, so I went into the prairie and obtained a job 'cowboying'."

"This form of employment is fast going out of date. It won't be long before cowboys are a thing of the past."

His travels, he said, took him through the stifling heat of the desert to the freezing cold of Canada.

"If any Australian contemplates going to America to gain a fortune," said the traveller, "he will be quickly disillusioned. There are thousands of Americans unemployed, and if the advice of a fellow-countryman is of any consequence the intending migrant to the States will stay at home. My nine years away from home taught me a great lesson."

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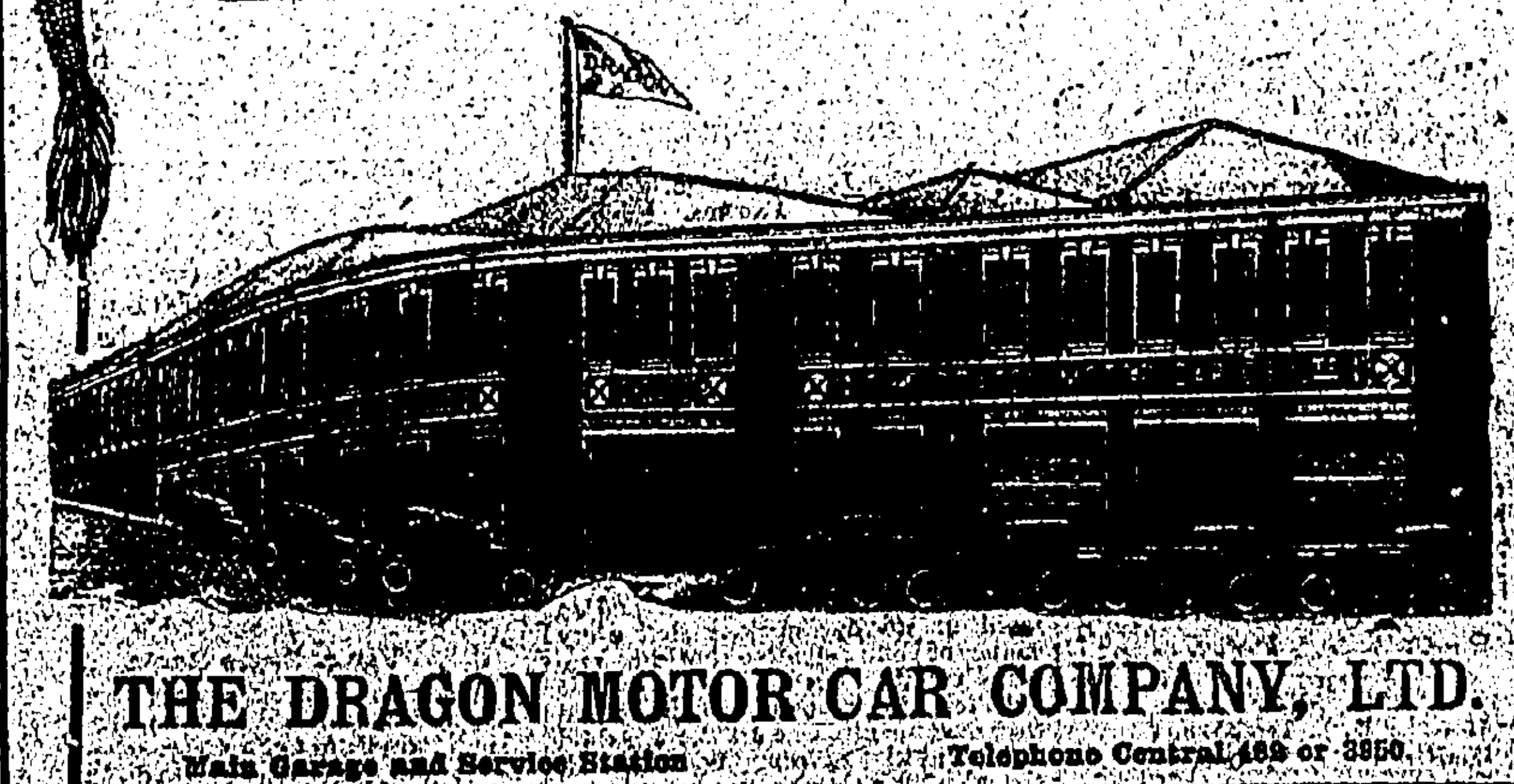
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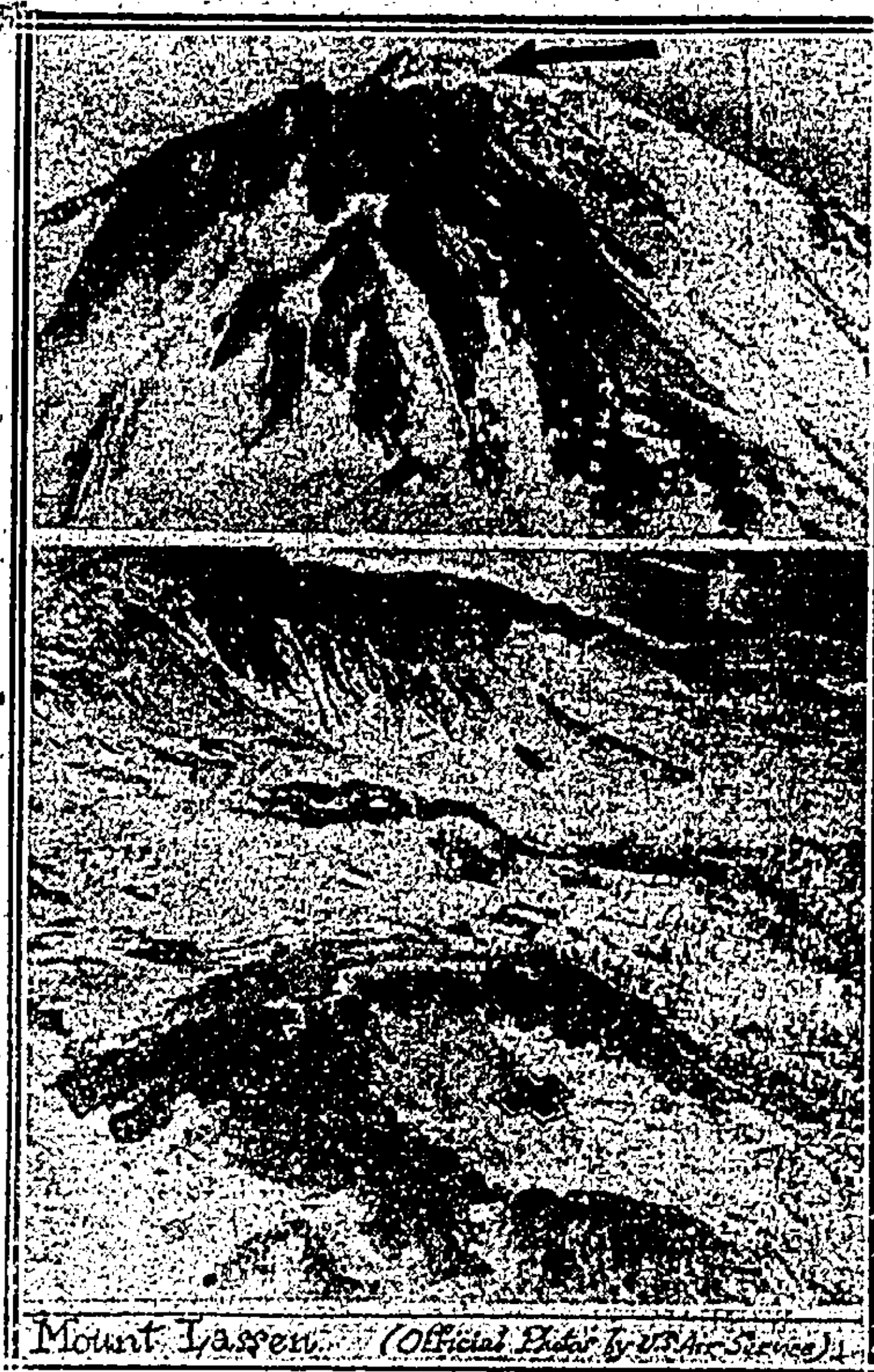
Dorothy King, a beautiful artist's model, upon whom admirers lavished a fortune in gifts, was found in her elaborate apartment, murdered with chloroform. More than \$30,000 worth of jewels she was known to have possessed, were stolen.



Women are still forging ahead. Miss Comstock has been President of a big American University, a post hitherto filled by men only.



This photograph shows the members of the Band of the Swiss Guards, in the Vatican, dressed in their historic medieval costumes. This band furnishes concerts for the Pope and plays when ceremonies are being held. The players still wear small swords—a survival of the day when they were expected to fight, as well as to play; for the Pope then was dependent for his safety upon the fidelity of his carefully picked Swiss Guards.



America's only active volcano, which is again in eruption, photographed from the air. The upper view shows the new crater, and its depth (shown by cross) may be noted in the lower picture.



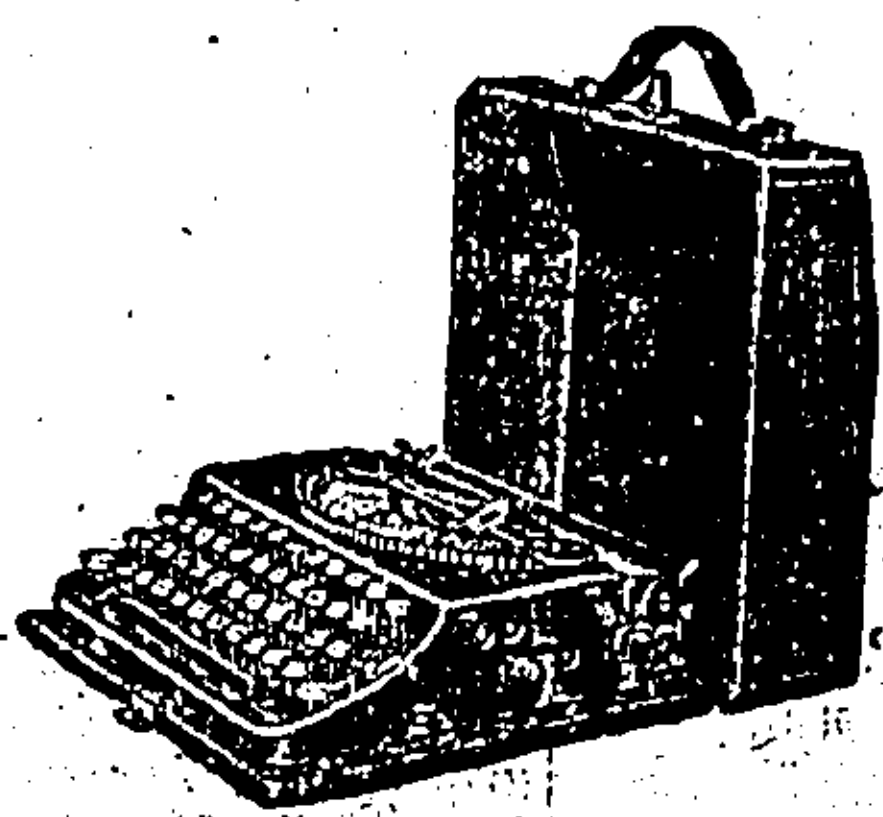
Bill Brennan, the Chicago heavy-weight, was seriously injured in the terrific beating he took from Luis Angel Filpo, the Argentine heavy-weight. Physicians declare they are amazed a man could suffer such injuries in a fight and live.



Princess Mary, with her firstborn baby boy.



An Indian mummy, at least 1,000 years old, has been given by Mr. J. P. Morgan to the American Museum of Natural History. The mummy was recently X-rayed in an effort to determine its state of preservation. When unearthed it was covered entirely with dust and stones containing anhydrous sulphate of copper, which prevented the organic matter from disintegrating. The mummy of King Tutankhamen will be X-rayed in a similar manner.



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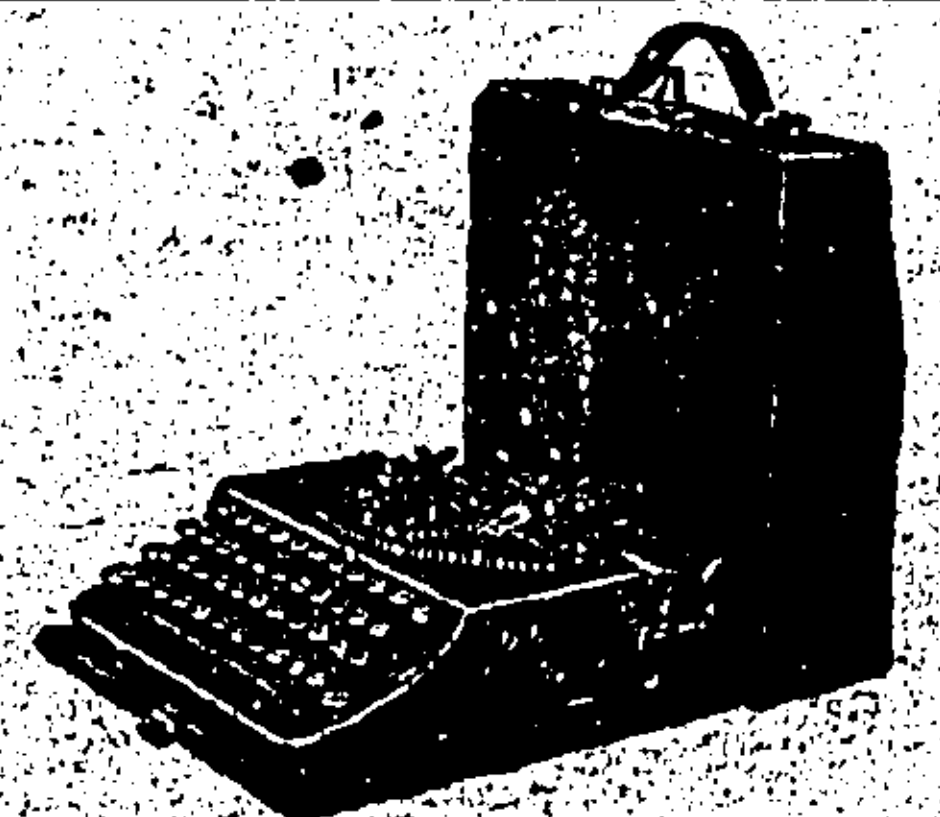
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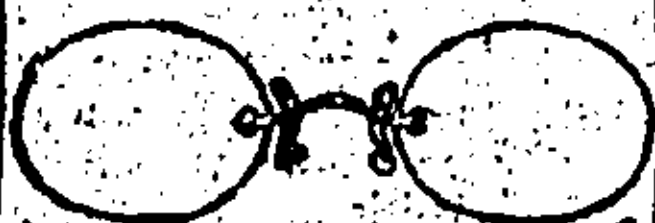
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